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SCAT SERVICE FRANCHISE AWARDED

The Springfield Area Transit (SCAT) system's level of service is likely not to change as the City of Springfield has awarded a contract for the next two years. The city received two proposals for bus service - from Springfield Bus Co., the existing provider, and from California-based MV Transportation. TCC and City of Springfield staff members recommended the Springfield Bus Co. proposal, which would cost about \$100,000 less in the first year of a two-year contract.

Included in the proposals were options for expanded services: beginning routes an hour earlier, lengthening evening hours of operation, adding Saturday service and extending service into Northridge. None of the options were included in the \$1.5 million contract. The city's share of the cost is about \$196,000 for 2003. With bus farebox revenues, state and federal grants pay for the rest.

Costs of expanded services ranged from an estimated \$124,000 a year for Saturday routes to more than \$560,000 a year for later hours. Service to Northridge would mean added fuel costs. Even though the federal grants would likely pay only 50 percent of the cost for any expanded public transportation services, the city is not recommending any of the options at this point due to budget constraints for the local share. The City of Springfield may reconsider expansion when more money is available. For transit planning information contact Eric Ottoson, Transportation Planner at 937-324-7750, fax 937-328-3940, e-mail eottoson@ci.springfield.oh.us.



2030 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The TCC staff is currently developing a schedule for deployment of its 2030 Transportation Plan. The schedule is a collaborative effort with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission as the two MPOs share several data specific areas that relate to the 2030 Transportation Plan. Both MPOs are forecasting that their plans will be complete and ready to be approved by their respective boards in April of 2004. The TCC will be holding public involvement meetings throughout the process. For those looking to get involved visioning meetings will be held in March of 2003. From the visioning meetings several focus groups will emerge. The focus groups will cover issues that will provide the focus for the 2030 Transportation Plan. For more information on how you can get involved in the 2030 Transportation Plan please contact Peggy Holland, Transportation Planner at 328-7689 or pholland@ci.springfield.oh.us.



TIP UPDATE

The TCC staff creates a new Transportation Improvement Program every two years for TCC board approval. The list of TIP projects is overseen by the TCC staff. The TCC works in concert with ODOT and local governmental agencies to utilize grant and local funding contributions to fund TIP projects. The following table illustrates 7 TIP projects that have been slated for construction in 2003:

PID	Location	Total Cost	Description	Status
14679	Leffel Lane	\$7,810,000	widening	Estimated completion: Spring 2003.
20288	Limestone St.	\$4,772,000	resurfacing and signals.	Estimated completion: Spring 2003.
17448	I-70	\$8,225,000	additional lane from SR 4 ramps to Enon Rd. ramps.	Estimated completion: Late summer 2003.
20287	John St.	\$976,000	resurface and addition of center turn lane.	Construction will start early spring. Estimated completion: Fall 2003.
75184	Simon Kenton Trail from Critter Court north to Woodburn Rd.	\$665,000	Construction of the Simon Kenton Trail from Critter Court north to Woodburn Rd. (existing trail) in Champaign County.	Construction will start early spring. Estimated completion: Late summer 2003.
19864	SR4	\$440,000	resurfacing from the northeast Springfield city limit north to the Champaign County line.	Construction should start late spring or early summer 2003.
19865	SR41	\$425,000	resurfacing from Jacksonville Rd. west through the village of North Hampton.	Construction should start late spring or early summer 2003.

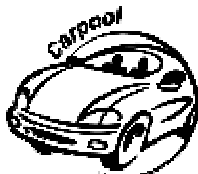
Keep an eye out for the above projects in 2003.

The TCC continually pursues public comment on current TIP projects and welcomes ideas for future TIP projects. Please send comments to the TCC Office. The address is City Hall; 76 E. High St.; Springfield, OH 45502, Attention: TIP Comments. Comments also can be e-mailed to ccstcc@ci.springfield.oh.us or faxed to (937) 328-3940.



GIS Users Group Meetings

On the third Wednesday of every month at 9:30AM, the Clark County GIS Users Group meets in the fourth floor conference room of the Springfield City Hall. This group has been meeting for about four years and is sponsored by the Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee. These monthly meetings give current users of GIS technology and other interested parties an opportunity to discuss the projects they are working on. Members also see how they may better coordinate the GIS efforts in and between Clark County and the City of Springfield. These meetings are an excellent opportunity for others interested in GIS to meet with people that use GIS technologies and to learn how GIS can help them to do their jobs better. For more information contact: Eric Ottoson at 937-324-7750, fax 937-328-3940, e-mail eottoson@ci.springfield.oh.us.



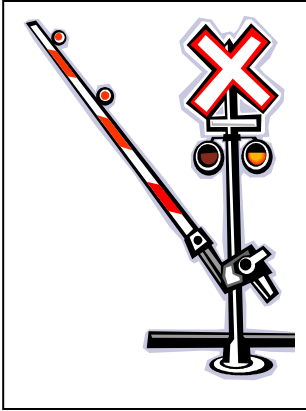
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PUCO APPROVES RAILROAD CROSSING UPGRADINGS

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has approved an agreement requiring Norfolk Southern Railway to install flashing lights and gates at three highway-railroad grade crossings in Clark County.

The agreement was negotiated by the PUCO, Norfolk Southern, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), the Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee, and Harmony Township. Under this approval the following crossings are slated for upgrades:



DOT Number	Local Highway Authority	Crossing Location	Total Cost
527-981C	Harmony Township	New Love Road (Township Road 98)	\$110,000.00
527-983R	Harmony Township	Buena Vista Road (Township Road 92)	\$145,000.00
527-987T	Harmony Township	Stewart Road (Township Road 101)	\$105,000.00
Total			\$360,000.00

As illustrated in the table above the total for all three railroad crossing upgrades will be \$360,000. Norfolk Southern railroad will fund \$36,000 of the total project. The remainder of the project funding will be funded cooperatively by the PUCO, ORDC, and the township. PUCO will be paying \$178,200. TCC and the township together will be paying \$145,800 as the township's share. The TCC will provide \$120,000 of the township's share. Construction is slated to be complete by November 7, 2003.

The PUCO is responsible for evaluating public grade crossings to determine the need for installing or upgrading active warning devices. The PUCO is also responsible for administration and implementation of the State Grade Crossing Protection Fund established to help defray a portion of the public's share of cost of upgrading the warning devices at Ohio's highway-railroad grade crossings.

For more information regarding these crossings, access the railroad industry section of the PUCO Web site at www.PUCO.ohio.gov.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

Recently the TCC adopted a new Public Involvement Process. The process was developed so public comment and issues can be included as the TCC studies and develops plans for the public's transportation system.

The first step in the public involvement process is identifying stakeholders. Stakeholders are any entity or person who is affected by the issue at hand. Environmental Justice must be considered.

Then a strategy for dialogue is devised. The TCC has adopted Visioning, Brainstorming, Charrettes and Public Review Period as strategies for dialogue.

Lastly, the TCC uses tools to advocate more public involvement or project support. Tools that the TCC uses for stakeholder outreach are presentations, handouts, information packets, legal notices, news releases, newspaper advertisements, flyers, reports, cable television notices, websites, newsletter, surveys and workshops.



To learn more about the TCC's Public Involvement Process or to find out how you can get more involved in Clark County Transportation Planning please contact Thea Walsh, Transportation Planner at 324-7752 or at twalsh@ci.springfield.oh.us.

Calendar

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February

- 14** – TCC Meeting
Heritage Center (12p.m.)
- 19** - GIS Users Group Meeting
Springfield City Hall (9:30a.m.)

March

- 12** – WESTCO Port Authority
Clark Co. Agricultural Services (9a.m.)
- 14** – TCC Meeting
Springfield City Hall (12p.m.)
- 19** - GIS Users Group Meeting
Springfield City Hall (9:30a.m.)
- 28** - Clark Co. Railroad Safety Taskforce
Springfield City Hall (10:30a.m.)
- 31- April 11** – STIP
Public Involvement Period
Various Locations Statewide (T.B.A.)

April

- 11** – TCC Meeting
Clark Co. Agricultural Services (12p.m.)
- 11** – Clean Ohio Conservation Fund
Applications Due for District 11 (5p.m.)

- 16** - GIS Users Group Meeting
Springfield City Hall (9:30 a.m.)
- 17-** OPWC District 11 Committee Meetings
Springfield Township Hall (9 a.m.)

May

- 9** - TCC Meeting
Enon Government Center (12 p.m.)
- 21** - GIS Users Group Meeting
Springfield City Hall (9:30 a.m.)
- 22** - District 11 NRAC Meeting
Springfield Township Hall (9 a.m.)
- 29** - OPWC District 11 Committee Meetings
Springfield Township Hall (9 a.m.)

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